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37/... High-level intersessional discussion celebrating the centenary of Nelson Mandela

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,

Guided also by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and recognizing that 2018 marks their seventieth and twenty-fifth anniversaries respectively,

Recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 64/13 of 10 November 2009, in which the Assembly decided to designate 18 July as Nelson Mandela International Day,

Taking note of the Declaration on the Centenary of Nelson Mandela, made by the Assembly of the African Union at its thirtieth ordinary session, and the decision of the Assembly at its twenty-second ordinary session to declare 2014–2024 the Madiba Nelson Mandela Decade of Reconciliation in Africa,

Recalling Nelson Mandela's lifelong struggle for freedom, human rights and human dignity, equality and justice, as well as his conviction and incarceration in 1963,

Recalling also that, upon his release in 1990, after serving 27 years in prison, Nelson Mandela contributed to the transition of South Africa to democracy, and that he gave selfless service as an international statesman to the cause of human rights,

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† On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are member of the Group of African States.

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Recognizing Nelson Mandela as the embodiment of human rights and a champion of the global poor and their dignity, as recognized by the General Assembly and the Assembly of the African Union,

1. *Decides* to convene a high-level intersessional discussion celebrating the centenary of Nelson Mandela, on his life and legacy, in the context of promoting and protecting human rights through social justice, reconciliation and democratic ideals, on 27 April 2018, the day that, in 1994, Mandela and millions of South Africans cast their votes for the first time in a fully representative democratic election;

2. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to invite to that discussion, for their participation, eminent persons who worked with Nelson Mandela and other persons that embody his virtues on various global platforms for the advancement of human rights;

3. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to provide all the resources necessary for the effective realization of the discussion;

4. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a summary report on the discussion and to submit it to the Council at its thirty-ninth session.

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Technical assistance and capacity-building

Albania,* Austria,* Belgium, Bulgaria,* Canada,* Croatia, Czechia,* Denmark,* Estonia,* Finland,* France,* Georgia, Germany, Greece,* Hungary, Iceland,* Ireland,* Italy,* Japan, Latvia,* Liechtenstein,* Lithuania,* Luxembourg,* Malta,* Montenegro,* Netherlands,* New Zealand,* Norway,* Poland,* Portugal,* Republic of Moldova,* Romania,* San Marino,* Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden,* Turkey,* Ukraine, United States of America: draft resolution

37/... Cooperation with Georgia

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,

Bearing in mind relevant regional instruments, in particular the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms,

Recalling its resolution 34/37 of 24 March 2017,

Reaffirming its commitment to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders,

Reaffirming also the primary responsibility of States to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing the importance of the Geneva international discussions as an instrument for addressing security, stability, human rights and humanitarian issues,

Welcoming the cooperation of the Government of Georgia with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, its office in Tbilisi, and other relevant international and regional human rights mechanisms and actors,

Welcoming also the continuous technical assistance provided by the Office of the High Commissioner through its office in Tbilisi,

Recognizing the significance of the report of the High Commissioner,[1]

Stressing the findings of the High Commissioner in the report, in which he underscore the responsibility of the authorities in control in both regions to uphold the

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fundamental freedoms and human rights of all people living therein and expresses regret over the refusal of those in control of Abkhazia, Georgia and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia to grant unimpeded access to staff members of the Office of the High Commissioner and to the United Nations human rights mechanisms,

Expressing serious concern at the discrimination based on ethnic grounds, restrictions on education in one's native language in both Georgian regions, and reported mass demolition of houses of ethnic Georgians in the Tskhinvali region,

Recognizing with appreciation the efforts of the Government of Georgia to strengthen democracy, the rule of law and the promotion and protection of human rights, and in this context welcoming the cooperation of the Government with United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms,

Expressing concern that internally displaced persons and refugees continue to be deprived of the right to return to their homes in a safe and dignified manner,

Expressing serious concern at the repeated denial of access to international and regional monitors, including United Nations human rights mechanisms, to both Georgian regions by those in control of those regions,

Recognizing in this context the importance of and need for periodic reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for an objective and impartial assessment of the situation of human rights in both Georgian regions,

1. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to provide technical assistance through his office in Tbilisi;

2. *Strongly calls* for immediate access to be given to the Office of the High Commissioner and international and regional human rights mechanisms to Abkhazia, Georgia and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia;

3. *Requests* the High Commissioner to present to the Human Rights Council, in accordance with its resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, an oral update on the follow-up to the present resolution at its thirty-eighth session, and to present a written report on developments relating to and the implementation of the present resolution at its thirty-ninth session.